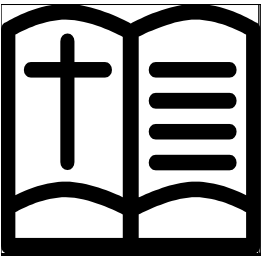


“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

“A SHORT HISTORY OF THE COSMOS”
“THE GLORIOUS VICTORY OF CHRIST”
COLOSSIANS 2:8-15

I. DON'T BE CHEATED

- A.** *Fraudulent information abounds from many sources to keep one from the blessings of eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God/Son of Man Messiah*
- B.** *By philosophy and empty deceit Col 2:8*
 - 1. *The tradition of men*
 - 2. *The basic principles of the world*
- C.** *The real thing is Christ Col 1:15-20; 2:3,9-10*
 - 1. *The image of the invisible God*
 - 2. *The rightful and legal heir of the cosmos*
 - 3. *The One through whom the whole cosmos was created*
 - 4. *The Eternal One through whom all things hold together in their composition and relationships*
 - 5. *The head of the body, the church, the beginning, the first born from the dead, the preeminent One in the entire cosmos*
 - 6. *The beginning and end of all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*
 - 7. *The completeness of God in one human*
 - 8. *The reconciler of all things in heaven and earth*
- D.** *The One who has restored believing ones to the humanity God intended for us in the beginning*



II. ACCEPT NO COUNTERFEIT! WHAT JESUS DID!

- A.** *In Him, he has removed the lasting effect of sin and death from those who trust Him*
- B.** *He so identified with us that as He dies we died with Him, as He is buried we are buried with Him and as He rises from the dead, we rise with Him!*
- C.** *We were “dead”, disconnected from God, in our offenses against Him and He “made us alive”*
- D.** *He forgave all our trespasses*
 - 1. Wiping out the debt note that was against us*
 - 2. He removed it by nailing it to His cross*
 - 3. By it, disarming the principalities and powers*
- E.** *By His resurrection and ascension He has triumphed over the wicked members of the divine council has become the heir of the Kingdom of God*
- F.** *Now He awaits His coronation as the King of the kingdom of God to rule over a new heaven and a new earth restored into the original beauty and harmony it was in the beginning*
- G.** *While He waits, the Holy Spirit is calling out a people to share that world with Him. With His actions He has forgiven all who will accept those terms and receive them into His kingdom*
- H.** *His kingdom is the last one on earth; all who refuse to be a part of that kingdom will be separated from Him for eternity as they had chosen to live in time*